

**PRIVATE SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MADISON, WISCONSIN  
February 11, 1999**

**PRESENT:** Oscar Mireles, Edward Byrne, Jerrold Antoon, Mark Harder, Mark Kirch, James Martin, Richard Scanlon and Shawn Smith

**ABSENT:** Darlyne Barlow, Dennis Brewer, Tom Kocourek, Mark Riesinger

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clete Hansen, Bill Dusso

**GUESTS:** Carey Mathews, DOE; and Angela Clements

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Clete Hansen, Chair, upon confirmation that the public notice was timely given

**AGENDA**

The agenda was informally approved.

**MINUTES (11/12/98)**

**MOTION:** Oscar Mireles moved, seconded by Mark Harder, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Secretary Marlene Cummings introduced the new Deputy Secretary of the Department, June Suhling. Ms. Suhling replaced Pat McCormack who transferred to the Public Service Commission.

Clete Hansen reported on problems which licensing staff have had with private detective agencies which either do not have liability insurance or a surety bond at the time of renewal of their license, or they had a gap in coverage at some time during the 2-year licensing period.

**MOTION:** Shawn Smith moved, seconded by Mark Kirch, to recommend to the Department that when there had been a gap in insurance coverage the Department should look at the facts on a case-by-case basis and consider reprimanding the licensee, requiring quarterly

proof of coverage and/or proposing a stipulation to a \$400-500 forfeiture. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. The meaning of “directly or indirectly employed”**

The committee discussed whether the phrase should be changed to “employed by” or whether the word “indirectly” should be removed.

**MOTION:** Shawn Smith moved, seconded by Mark Harder, that the committee recommends that the Department change the phrase to merely say “employed by.” Motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Discussion of Problems or Concerns of Committee Members**

- Problems with unlicensed agencies. Soon the public will be able to check whether persons are licensed by using the Department’s Web site on the Internet.
- Concerns that licensees are not receiving adequate notification from the Department about actions against a person’s license, including the fact that an agency does not have insurance coverage.
- People who work for more than one agency without the initial employer knowing about it.
- The costs endured by agencies when they pay for permits and private security persons transfer to another agency.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6 b. Education and Training of Private Security Personnel**

Shawn Smith proposed that there be 3 levels of private security persons: a minimum qualification level, a mid-range level with higher educational requirements and a top level which includes firearms training, DAT training and training on other dangerous weapons carried by the private security person when on duty. Several arguments against the 3-level approach were that the level of training and qualifications of private security personnel for a certain job should be determined in the contractual agreement between the client and the agency. A second argument against the 3-level approach is that it would create more work for the Department, especially enforcing the law, so that people in one level will not perform work above their level.

**MOTION:** Shawn Smith moved, seconded by Ed Byrne, that the committee should research a classification system that has a minimum entry

requirement and other endorsements for higher level functions.  
Motion carried unanimously. Oscar Mireles was not present when the vote was taken.

Shawn Smith agreed to submit a written proposal relating to the endorsement approach.

#### **6. c. Badges**

The committee recommended that “badges” not be removed from the definition of “uniform” in s. RL 30.02 (14), Wis. Admin. Code. The committee recommended that if someone is wearing clothing, which does not clearly identify him or her as a private security person, a complaint should be filed with the Department.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

An article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, dated February 10, 1999, entitled “Exception to concealed weapons ban sought” was noted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jim Martin moved, seconded by Shawn Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 10 a.m.